

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
AMBROSE, Christine et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1647  
Serial No.: 10/550,961 ) Examiner: Bridget E. Bunner  
Filed: May 17, 2006 ) Confirmation No.: 1436  
For: TRUNCATED BAFF RECEPTORS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated June 27, 2008, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372, between the following:

Group I: Claims 1-45, drawn to a non-naturally occurring BAFF-R glycoprotein, a nucleic acid encoding the BAFF-R glycoprotein, and method for producing the BAFF-R glycoprotein; or

Group II: Claims 46-47, drawn to a BAFF-R polypeptide comprising amino acids 14 to 56 of SEQ ID NO:1 having mutations at amino acids 50, 51, and 56 of SEQ ID NO:1.

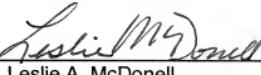
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-45, drawn to a non-naturally occurring BAFF-R glycoprotein, a nucleic acid encoding the BAFF-R glycoprotein, and method for producing the BAFF-R glycoprotein.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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